

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9449–S9575

Measures Introduced: Two resolutions were submitted, as follows: S. Res. 569 and S. Con. Res. 114.

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Measures Reported:

S. 660, to provide for the acknowledgement of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. (S. Rept. No. 109–334)

S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded.

S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

Enrollment Corrections: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 114, providing for corrections to the enrollment of the bill S. 2590.

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Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Revision Act: Senate passed S. 2464, to revise a provision relating to a repayment obligation of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation under the Fort McDowell Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S9564**

Stevens (for McCain) Amendment No. 5006, to make a technical correction. **Page S9564**

Children and Media Research Advancement Act: Senate passed S. 1902, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize funding for the establishment of a program on children and the media within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to

study the role and impact of electronic media in the development of children, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Shipping Law: Senate passed H.R. 1442, to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, “Shipping,” as positive law, clearing the measure for the President.

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National Save for Retirement Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 550, designating October 22 through October 28, 2006, as “National Save for Retirement Week,” and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Darfur: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 559, calling on the President to take immediate steps to help stop the violence in Darfur, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Honoring USS Enterprise Service: Senate agreed to S. Res. 569, honoring the life of those who died in service to their country aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise on January 14, 1969.

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SAFE Port Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 4968, to require the Department of Homeland Security provide Congress with a strategy for deploying radiation detection capabilities to all United States ports of entry.

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By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 245), Coleman Amendment No. 4982, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to ensure that all cargo containers are screened before arriving at a United States seaport, that all high-risk containers are scanned before leaving a United States seaport, and that integrated scanning systems are fully deployed to scan all cargo containers entering the United States before they arrive in the United States.

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Obama Modified Amendment No. 4972, to ensure the evacuation of individuals with special needs in times of emergency. **Pages S9493–94**

Voinovich/Clinton Modified Amendment No. 4962, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area. **Pages S9459–60, S9494–96**

Stevens (for Rockefeller) Modified Amendment No. 4924, to establish a competitive research program within the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S9567–68**

Stevens (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4928, to provide a pilot program to extend the hours of commercial operations at Santa Teresa, New Mexico. **Page S9568**

Stevens (for Domenici/Warner) Amendment No. 4932, to establish a Domestic Nuclear Detection Office with the Department of Homeland Security. **Pages S9568–69**

Stevens (for Domenici/Warner) Amendment No. 4933, to provide for coordination between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Energy. **Page S9569**

Stevens (for Kerry) Modified Amendment No. 4939, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to create port security training and exercise programs for law enforcement and seaport personnel. **Page S9569**

Stevens (for Burns) Modified Amendment No. 4946, to require the Assistant Secretary for the Transportation Security Administration to submit to Congress a security plan for Essential Air Service airports. **Page S9569**

Stevens (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 4950, to establish an Intermodal Rail Radiation Detection Test Center. **Page S9569**

Stevens (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 4949, of a technical nature. **Page S9569**

Stevens (for McCain) Amendment No. 4951, to require disclosures regarding homeland security grants. **Page S9569**

Stevens (for Vitter) Amendment No. 4953, to provide for additional security relating to foreign vessels working on the outer Continental Shelf. **Page S9569**

Stevens (for Snowe/Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 4954, to establish a deadline for the Coast Guard to complete inspection of foreign ports and validate compliance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. **Pages S9569–70**

Stevens (for Allard/Salazar) Amendment No. 4955, to include the Transportation Technology Center in the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium. **Page S9570**

Stevens (for Pryor/Talent) Modified Amendment No. 4959, to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to improve trucking security. **Page S9570**

Stevens (for Burns) Amendment No. 4964, to extend the requirement for air carriers to honor tickets for suspended air passenger service. **Page S9570**

Stevens (for Boxer) Amendment No. 4976, to protect commercial aircraft from the threat of Man-Portable Air Defense Systems. **Page S9570**

Stevens (for Baucus) Modified Amendment No. 4985, to authorize an additional \$200,000,000 to be appropriated for fiscal year 2007 for the operating expenses of the Northern Border Air Wing. **Page S9570**

Stevens (for Lautenberg) Modified Amendment No. 4988, to provide improved intercity bus, hazardous materials, pipeline, and motor carrier security. **Pages S9570–73**

Stevens (for Snowe) Amendment No. 5000, to conduct a study to identify redundancies and inefficiencies in connection with Federal background checks. **Page S9573**

Stevens (for Burns) Modified Amendment No. 4947, to promote and enhance public safety and to encourage the rapid deployment of IP-enabled voice services. **Pages S9573–74**

Rejected:

Biden Amendment No. 4975, to establish a Homeland Security and Neighborhood Safety Trust Fund and refocus Federal priorities toward securing the Homeland. (By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 244), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S9461–62, S9469, S9482**

By 43 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 246), Menendez Amendment No. 4999, to improve the security of cargo containers destined for the United States. **Pages S9485–87, S9490–91**

Withdrawn:

Santorum Amendment No. 4990, to provide for comprehensive border security. **Pages S9492–93**

Pending:

Schumer Modified Amendment No. 4930, to improve maritime container security by ensuring that foreign ports participating in the Container Security Initiative scan all containers shipped to the United States for nuclear and radiological weapons before loading. **Pages S9454, S9469–77**

Murray (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 4967, to authorize grants for interoperable communications. **Page S9454**

Nelson (NE) Modified Amendment No. 4945, to provide emergency agricultural disaster assistance.

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DeMint Amendment No. 4970, to prohibit the issuance of transportation security cards to individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes.

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Clinton/Dole Amendment No. 4957, to facilitate nationwide availability of 2–1–1 telephone service for information on and referral to human services, including volunteer opportunities related to human services.

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Clinton Amendment No. 4943, to fund additional research to improve the detection of explosive materials at airport security checkpoints.

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Clinton/Schumer Amendment No. 4958, to establish a grant program for individuals still suffering health effects as a result of the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York City.

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During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 243), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Reid Amendment No. 4936, to provide real national security, restore United States leadership, and implement tough and smart policies to win the war on terror. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee's 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 14, 2006, with one hour of debate equally divided, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Bertha K. Madras, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Director for Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Cesar Benito Cabrera, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles.

George E.B. Holding, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Mary Martin Ourisman, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and

without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Ronald A. Tschetter, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank Baxter, of California, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—246)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 14, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9567.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOUSING BUBBLE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy and the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded joint hearings to examine the housing bubble and its implications for the economy, focusing on the current housing downswing, the depth and duration of the downswing, the economic consequences of the falloff in housing market activity, and the impacts of several secondary effects of the evolving